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SUBJ: INDO-BANGLADESH MARITIME BOUNDARY

REF: DACCA 568

1. INDIAN DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER DIXIT TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 31 THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER SAMAR SEN HAD TALKED TO PRESIDENT MUJIBUR RAHMAN ABOUT MARITIMEBOUNDARY ISSUE THE PREVIOUS DAY. SEN HAD TAKEN ALONG MAP SHOWN EMBOFF ON JANUARY 29 IN EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE SCOPE OF PROBLEM. HE ALSO URGED PRESIDENT TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BDG REQUEST ASHLAND DEFER SEISMIC SURVEY IN DISPUTED AREA. SEN WENT ON TO SAY IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, GOI WILL CONTACT ASHLAND ITSELF TO URGE FIRM TO POSTPONE WORK IN CONTESTED REGION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO INDIAN REPRESENTATION, DIXIT SAID MUJIB AGREED THAT COMPROMISE SOLUTION NEEDED, AND PROMPTLY; AS RESULT, INDIAN LEGAL TEAM WILL COME TO DACCA ON FEBRUARY 7. DHC ADDED THAT MUJIB ALSO AGREED THAT BDG WOULD ASK ASHLAND TO LIMIT SURVEY WORK TO UNCONTESTED AREA FOR THE TIME BEING.

3. SOON AFTER SEN RETURNED FROM MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, MUJIB TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT BDG IS NOT PREPARED TO ASK ASHLAND TO STAY
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OUT OF DISPUTED AREA. DIXIT SAID THAT THIS BEING CASE, GOI PLANS

TO TALK TO ASHLAND. (WE ARE ALERTING ASHLAND OF POSSIBLE GOI
APPROACH.)
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